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SUBJ: ISRAELI OIL EXPLORATION/PRODUCTION IN SINAI - COMMENT

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1. REMARKS BY DIRECTOR GENERAL ISRAELI ENERGY MINISTRY VARDI TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOSWORTH AS REPORTED REFTEL WOULD APPEAR TO INDICATE POSSIBLE SHIFT IN ISRAELI JUSTIFICATION FOR EXPLORATION/PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES IN SINAI, FROM "LEGAL" PRINCIPLES TO "MUTUAL INTEREST" IN FINAL RESOLUTION OF AREA PROBLEMS LEADING TO NORMAL RELATIONS WHICH WOULD INCLUDE EGYPTIAN/ISRAELI INTERCOURSE IN PETROLEUM MATTERS. THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT EGYPTIANS ARE WILLING, WHEN TIME COMES, TO ENTER INTO NORMAL COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH ISRAELIS, INCLUDING SALE OF PETROLEUM FROM GULF OF SUEZ FIELDS EXPLORED AND DEVELOPED BY GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL. PERCEPTION HERE, HOWEVER, IS JUST THE OPPOSITE OF THAT STATED BY VARDI, I.E., GOE SEES CONTINUED ISRAELI EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION AS PROVIDING MORE REASON FOR GOI TO HOLD HARD LINE ON WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORY.

2. DESPITE COMMON INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING NORMAL COMMERCIAL

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QUESTION THAT GOE, ACCORDING TO ITS CURRENT POLICY, WILL
TURN AREA BACK TO AMOCO. ATTEMPTS TO PRESERVE NEPTUNE OR
ISRAELI SPECIAL STATUS IN THE AREA (WHICH ALMOST CERTAINLY
WILL BE RAISED IN NEGOTIATING PROCESS) THEREFORE SHOULD
CONTINUE TO BE VIEWED AGAINST BACKGROUND OF RESPECTIVE
LEGAL POSITIONS. EILTS

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